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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KAZUYUKI KURODA ET AL

Application No.: 09/478,884

Filed: January 7, 2000

For: MESOSTRUCTURED MATERIALS,
SILICA MESOSTRUCTURED
MATERIALS, PREPARATION
METHODS THEREOF AND
CONTROL METHOD OF
MESOPORE ORIENTATION

Examiner: C. Simone

Group Art Unit: 1772

October 19, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENTS

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2001,
imposing restriction and election requirements in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required election of a single disclosed invention for
prosecution on the merits in this case. The Examiner alleged the existence of three
patentably distinct inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-23 and 48-52, drawn to a mesostructured material,
classified in class 428, subclass 188;

Group II: Claims 24-47, drawn to a process for forming a
mesostructured material, classified in class 264; and